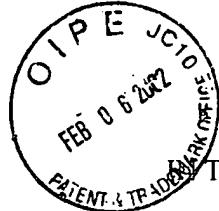


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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted, below listed are the required documents to perfect the filing of the above-referenced application.

1. A Declaration/Power of Attorney executed by the inventor;
2. Our firm check in the amount of \$ 597.00; and
3. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts as requested by the Application Branch.

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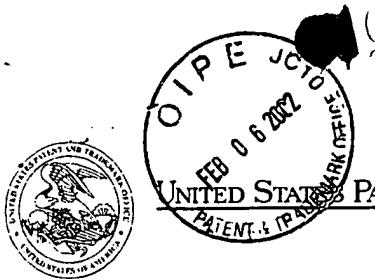
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- o Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$162.
 - \$36 for 4 total claims over 20.
 - \$126 for 3 independent claims over 3 .
- o The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- o **The balance due by applicant is \$ 597.**

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